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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: COMPUTER EXPERT

REF: A. STATE 191141; B. JIDDA 4131

1. IT APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT AL-AWAJI HAS DECIDED FOR HIS OWN REASONS NOT TO AVAIL MININT OF JONES' SERVICES. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM MCMAHON, OF BUCEN, THAT AWAJI WAS IN TOUCH WITH HIM RE COMPUTER EXPERTS DURING HIS WASHINGTON TRIP. MCMAHON MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE USEFUL INFO AS TO AWAJI'S INTENTIONS RE COMPUTER EXPERTS.

2. IN ANY CASE, AWAJI IS HIGHEST-RANKING MININT OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED COMPUTER EXPERT. WE WOULD NOT WITH RAISE MATTER WITH HIS SUPERIORS, BIN ZARAH OR PRINCE NAYIF. PER REF B, HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH LOWER-RANKING OFFICIAL. EMBOFF WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AWAJI UPON HIS RETURN. HOWEVER, BELIEVE IN MEANTIME SITUATION SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED TO JONES SO THAT HE NOT BE KEPT WAITING FOR JOB WHICH APPEARS UNLIKELY. WOULD SUGGEST, PER PARA 2 REF A, DEPT MIGHT WISH INFORM SAUDI EMBASSY FOR THE RECORD THAT IF NEITHER AWAJI NOR SAUDI EMBOFF INTERVIEWS JONES SOONEST, HE MOST LIKELY WILL BECOME UNAVAILABLE. ADS--DECLASSIFY 31 DEC 73.
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